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1. ACCORDING TO REPRESENTATIVES OF US AIRLINES (NORTHWEST, TRANS WORLD AIRLINES, FLYING TIGER) WHO ATTENDED MEETING LAST WEEK BETWEEN CARRIERS AND MANAGER OF CARGO CONSORTIUM, AIRLINES WON SOME CONCESSIONS: WILL BE PERMITTED CONTROL EXPORT CARGO TO POINT JUST BEYOND INTERIOR OF COMPLEX (I.E., CARRIERS RETAIN OWN IDENTITY VIS-A-VIS PUBLIC); AND WILL GET OFFICE SPACE IN COMPLEX. AIRLINES REJECTED THE COMPUTER CONSORTIUM WAS PUSING ON CARRIERS (FLYING TIGER BELIEVES REJECTION FINAL, WHILE NORTHWEST AND TRANS WORLD AIRLINES FEAR CONSORTIUM WILL CONTINUE PUSH FOR THIS).

2. PRINCIPAL CONCERN OF CARRIERS NOW SEEMS BE COSTS CONSORTIUM WILL LEVY. THIS NOT ADDRESSED LAST WEEK IN DETAIL, ALTHOUGH CONSORTIUM MANAGER STATED THAT RATES WILL NOT BE HIGHER THAN THOSE CHARGED ELSEWHERE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, EUROPE OR NORTH AMERICA. BUT CONSTRUCTION COSTS CONTINUE CLIMB AND COSTS WILL BE RELATIVELY HIGH. CONSTRUCTION WAS INAUGURATED MARCH 4.
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3. CARRIERS (NORTHWEST, TWA) CONTINUE EXPRESS CONCERN OVER UNWILLINGNESS CONSORTIUM TO ACCEPT LIABILITY FOR INSURING CARGO AFTER PASSES INTO HANDS OF CONSORTIUM, AND TO ACCEPT ADEQUATE LEVEL OF MINIMUM STANDARDS, E.G., DELIVERY TIME.

4. AS BARGAINING CHIP, CARRIERS POINTING UP POSSI-BILITY THAT THEY WILL BE FORCED TO CONSIDER REDUCING TRANSPORT VIA HONG KONG OF FREIGHT GENERATED ELSEWHERE. REDUCTION OF SUCH TRANSSHIPMENT COULD REDUCE AIR TRAFFIC AND HENCE LANDING FEES.

COMMENT: CARRIERS NOW APPEAR TO BE MORE CONFIDENT THAT OUTCOME WILL BE GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE, ALTHOUGH STILL UNEASY OVER COSTS TO BE LEVIED. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO CONSIDER LOW-KEY APPROACH TO FCO TO INDICATE CONTINUING INTEREST IN WELFARE OUR CARRIERS OUT HERE.
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